THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. Investments in Central Public Sector Undertakings is a continuous process.

(b) The figures for 1987-88 are not yet available as the audited accounts of public Sector Undertakings will be available only by the end of September, 1988.

(c) and (d) Investments decision in Public Sector Undertakings are taken on techno-economic considerations keeping in view the need for balanced regional development. Investments in loss making enterprises cannot be ruled out.

Equipment Procurement by a Foreign Party for Farakka Thermal Power Station

*479. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether an order for 500 MW power generation equipment for Farakka Thermal Power Station has been procured by some foreign party; if so, the total value of the order in crores of rupees along with the scope of the equipment, names of the foreign contractors, names and addresses of the Indian or foreign agents, foreign exchange component, quantum and terms and conditions of any foreign aid received for this project and its source;

(b) whether BHEL has the capability to supply the above equipment; if so, what are the reasons for rejecting BHEL's claim/offer along with the foreign exchange component in BHEL's quotation; and

(c) what are the reasons for not inviting global tenders alongwith inbuilt financial packages as has been done for HBJ gas pipeline?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI) : (a) The desired information regarding Power generation equipment procured from foreign contractors for Farraka Super Thermal Power Station Stage-II is given below:—

Sl. No.	Name of the Equipment	Foreign Contractor	Value of the order in Rs. crores	Foreign Exchange component	Name and address of the Indian or foreign agents
1	2	3	4	5	6
(i)	Steam Generator and Electrostatic Precipitator Package	M/s Ansaldo Componenti SpA of Italy	210 57	DM 255.147 millions plus US $ 26.795 millions	No agent was declared by the contractor

1	2	3	4	5	6
(ii)	33 KV Switchgear	M/s Maidensha Corporation Japan	0.65	Japanese Yen 67,153,800	Uo agent declared by the contrac or
(iii)	6.6 KV XLPE Cables	M/s Gold Star Cables Co. Ltd, Korea	0.97	US $ 739,148	-do-
(iv)	LT Indoor Transformers	M/s Rade Koncar, Yugeslavia	0.21	US $ 151,418	-do-
(v)	Unit Station Transformers	-do-	1.73	US $ 1,271,262	-oo-
(vi)	Generator Transformers	-do-	6.35	US $ 4,316,241	-do-
(vii)	Water Pre-treatment Plant Package	M/s Preussag AG, West Germany	1.27	DM 996,207	-do-
(viii)	Noose Conductor	M/s Import Yugoslavia	11.65	US $ 8,868,900	-do-
(ix)	Insulator	M/s Ceravar, France	0.35	US $ 272,480	M/s Indian Insulators Pvt Ltd. New Delhi.

The following external assistance has been tied-up for Farakka Super Termal Power Project Stage II : –

Source	Quantum	Terms and Conditions
(i) World Bank	US $ 300.8 Million	The loan assistance is repayable in half yearly instalments from Nov., 1989 to Nov., 2003. The interest rate to the Govt. of India is 0.5% above the cost of the qualified borrowings.
(ii) Italy	(a) Grant-DM 15.73 million by Govt. of Italy (b) Soft Loan—DM 144.20 million by Govt. of Italy (c) Buyer's—DM 169.1 credit million	The Italian assistance is meant for procuring goods and services from that country. The soft loan is repayable in twenty (20) consecutive equal semi-annual principal instalment starting after 126 months from the date of signature of the financial convention (i.e. 14-7-1987). The interest rate is 1.5% per annum payable from the date of each draw downs. The Buyers' credit

Source	Quantum	Terms and Conditions
		is repayable in 20 consecutive equal semi annual principal instalments starting after 68 months from the date of signing of the credit (i.e. (14-3-1987). The interest rate is 6.48% per annum payable on each 14th March and 14th September depending on the drawdowns made.
(iii) KFW Bilateral Credit	DM 70 million	This credit covers two portions—portion I is for meeting the local costs of supplies of HP Piping by M/s BHEL and portion II is for meeting the costs of supplies from German sources.

(b) and (c) The BHEL has the capability to supply the above mentioned equipment procured from foreign sources. Since the Italian assistance for the Steam Generator and Electrostatic Precipitator packages was available only if orders were placed on the Italian suppliers, procurement was not feasible from M/s BHEL. In respect of the portion of the equipment for the project covered by the World Bank financing, global tenders were invited. While the orders for turbine generators and other major equipment packages valueing bout Rs. 80 crores were placed on BHEL, some orders as per details given in reply to part (a) of the Question, totalling to about Rs. 23.19 crores, were bagged by the foreign bidders.

Parallel Postal Services

*480 SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI : SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a number of parallel postal services working clandestinely in various parts of the country at present; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) what is the mode of operation of such parallel postal services;

(c) what is the estimated loss to Government on account of functioning of such services; and

(d) what action Government have taken to check such activities?